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IN STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING JOB MANAGEMENT  
FUNCTION  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 7, 2005,  
Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Group 1,  
including claims 1-6. This election is made with traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due  
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Respectfully submitted,

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